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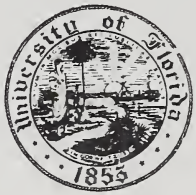

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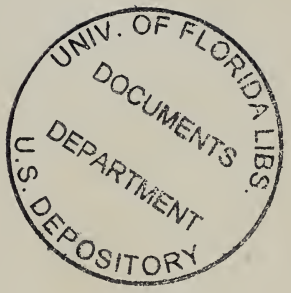
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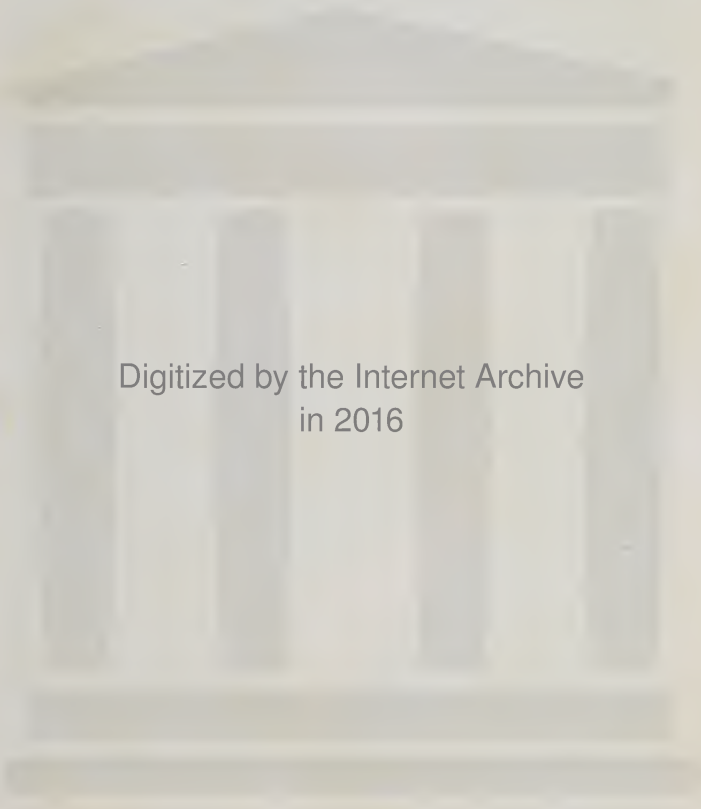
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Biography

PIUS LOUIS SCHWERT was born in Angola, Erie County, N. Y., November 22, 1892; attended the public schools in Angola and the Lafayette High School, Buffalo, N. Y.; was graduated from the Wharton School of Commerce, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa., in 1914; played professional baseball 1914–17; during the World War served in the United States Navy as a yeoman, first class, and later commissioned as an ensign; engaged in mercantile and banking pursuits in Angola; member of the first salary survey committee of Erie County; moved to Buffalo, N. Y., and served as county clerk 1933–37; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh Congresses and served from January 3, 1937, until his death in Washington, D. C., on March 11, 1941; interment in Forest Avenue Cemetery, Angola, N. Y.

In the House of Representatives

THURSDAY, *May 8, 1941.*

Mr. BEAM. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following resolution, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read as follows:

House Resolution 201

Resolved, That on Wednesday, the 18th day of June 1941, immediately after the approval of the Journal, the House shall stand at recess for the purpose of holding the memorial services as arranged by the Committee on Memorials, under the provisions of clause 40–A of rule XI. The order of exercises and proceedings of the service shall be printed in the Congressional Record, and all Members shall have leave to extend their remarks in the Congressional Record until the last issue of the Record of the first session of the Seventy-seventh Congress on the life, character, and public service of the deceased Members. At the conclusion of the proceedings the Speaker shall call the House to order, and then, as a further mark of respect to the memories of the deceased, he shall declare the House adjourned.

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The resolution was agreed to.

Memorial Services
in the
House of Representatives

Seventy-seventh Congress
First Session

Memorial Service Program

Prelude, sacred selections (11: 15 to 11: 45)
United States Marine Band Orchestra

Presiding Officer------ The Speaker of the House of Representatives

Invocation---------- The Chaplain, Dr. James Shera Montgomery

Lead Kindly Light (Dykes)---------- Male Quartet

Scripture reading and prayer---------- The Chaplain

Roll of deceased Members
The Clerk of the House of Representatives

Devotional silence

Address---------- Hon. Luther A. Johnson
Representative from the State of Texas

The Long Day Closes (Sullivan)---------- Male Quartet

Address---------- Hon. Harold Knutson
Representative from the State of Minnesota

Crossing the Bar (Barnby)---------- Male Quartet

Taps---------- Winfred Kemp

Benediction---------- The Chaplain

Pius Louis Schwert

Memorial Services

WEDNESDAY, *June 18, 1941.*

The SPEAKER of the House of Representatives (Mr. Rayburn) presided.

The Chaplain, Dr. Montgomery:

Almighty God, fount of all life, Thou art our refuge and strength; Thou art our help in trouble. Enable us we pray Thee, to put our trust in Thee that we may obtain comfort and find grace to help in this and every time of need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in Me, though he were dead yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

The eternal God is thy refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? The righteous live forever, and the care of them is with the Most High; with His right arm He shall cover them, and with His arm He shall shield them.

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

As many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again unto fear; but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba, Father. The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God; and if children,

then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together.

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God.

What then shall we say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Yet love will dream and faith will trust
That somehow, somewhere, meet we must.
Alas for him who never sees
The stars shine through his cyprus trees!
Who, hopeless, lays his dead away,
Nor sees the breaking of the day,
Across the mournful marbles play!
Who hath not learned in hours of faith
The truth, to flesh and sense unknown,
That life is ever lord of death,
And love can never lose its own!

"Lead Kindly Light" was sung by the male quartet.

ROLL OF DECEASED MEMBERS

Mr. Roger M. Calloway, reading clerk of the House, read the following roll:

Ernest Willard Gibson, a Senator from the State of Vermont: Born December 29, 1872; soldier; educator; lawyer; deputy clerk, United States district court; member State house of representatives, 1906; member of the State senate, 1908, serving as president pro

tempore; State's attorney, 1919–21; Member of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth and the five succeeding Congresses; appointed to the United States Senate November 21, 1933, and subsequently elected for unexpired term; reelected in 1938; died June 20, 1940.

ERNEST LUNDEEN, a Senator from the State of Minnesota: Born August 4, 1878; lawyer; soldier; member of the State house of representatives, 1910–14; delegate Republican National Conventions, 1912 and 1916; served in Twelfth Minnesota Volunteers during Spanish-American War, Member of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fifth, Seventy-third, and Seventy-fourth Congresses; elected to the United States Senate 1936; died August 31, 1940.

KEY PITTMAN, a Senator from the State of Nevada: Born September 19, 1872; lawyer; member of committee that formulated the "consent" form of government for Nome, Alaska; first prosecuting attorney at Nome; elected to the United States Senate for unexpired term, 1912; reelected in 1916, 1922, 1928, and again in 1934; secretary Senate Democratic caucus, 1913–17; Democratic conference nominee for President pro tempore of the Senate for the Sixty-sixth and the six ensuing Congresses; elected President pro tempore of the Senate and chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, 1933, serving until his death, November 10, 1940.

MORRIS SHEPPARD, a Senator from the State of Texas: Born May 28, 1875; lawyer; first president of the Texas Fraternal Congress, in Dallas in 1908; Member of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-seventh, Fifty-eighth, Fifty-ninth, Sixtieth, Sixty-first, and Sixty-second Congresses; elected to the United States Senate, 1913, 1918, 1924, 1930, and again in 1936; was dean of the Congress at the time of his death, April 9, 1941.

WILLIS BENJAMIN GIBBS, Eighth Congressional District of Georgia: Born April 15, 1889; lawyer; solicitor city court of Jesup, 1914; solicitor general, Brunswick judicial circuit, 1924–33; Member of the Seventy-sixth Congress; died August 7, 1940.

GEORGE NICHOLAS SEGER, Eighth Congressional District of New Jersey: Born January 4, 1866; businessman; educator; mayor of Passaic, 1911–19; delegate, Republican National Convention, 1916; president New Jersey State League of Municipalities, 1912–14; city director of finance, 1919–23; Member of the Sixty-eighth and the eight succeeding Congresses; died August 26, 1940.

WILLIAM BROCKMAN BANKHEAD, Seventh Congressional District of Alabama: Born April 12, 1874; lawyer; member State house of rep-

resentatives, 1900–1901; city attorney, Huntsville, 1898–1902; solicitor, fourteenth judicial circuit, 1910–14; Member of the Sixty-fifth and the 11 succeeding Congresses; chairman, Committee on Rules, Seventy-third Congress; majority leader, first session Seventy-fourth Congress; twice elected Speaker of the House of Representatives; died September 15, 1940.

SAMUEL CHAPMAN MASSINGALE, Seventh Congressional District of Oklahoma: Born August 2, 1870; lawyer; member of the Oklahoma Territorial Council, 1902; served as a member of the Second Texas Infantry, Spanish-American War; Member of the Seventy-fourth, Seventy-fifth, Seventy-sixth, and Seventy-seventh Congresses; died January 17, 1941.

KENNETH FARRAND SIMPSON, Seventeenth Congressional District of New York: Born May 4, 1895; lawyer; soldier; educator; captain, Three Hundred and Second Field Artillery, United States Army, 1917–19; chairman, Republican County Comimttee, New York, 1935–40; member, Republican National Committee, 1937–40; delegate to the Republican National Convention, 1936 and 1940; Member of the Seventy-seventh Congress; died January 25, 1941.

WILLIAM DEVEREUX BYRON, Sixth Congressional District of Maryland: Born May 15, 1895; businessman; lieutenant, Aviation Corps, World War; mayor of Williamsport, 1926–30; member of the State senate, 1930–34; member of the Maryland State Roads Commission, 1934–35; Member of the Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh Congresses; died February 27, 1941.

PIUS LOUIS SCHWERT, Forty-second Congressional District of New York: Born November 22, 1892; banker; bachelor of science and economics; businessman; ensign, United States Navy; county clerk, 1933–36; Member of the Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh Congresses; died March 11, 1941.

ALONZO DILLARD FOLGER, Fifth Congressional District of North Carolina: Born July 9, 1888; lawyer; trustee, University of North Carolina, 1932–38; judge, superior court of North Carolina, 1937; member of the Democratic National Committee, 1936–40; Member of the Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh Congresses; died April 30, 1941.

M. MICHAEL EDELSTEIN, Fourteenth Congressional District of New York: Born February 5, 1888; lawyer; received degree of bachelor of law, Brooklyn Law School, 1909; admitted to the bar, State of New York, 1910; subsequently admitted to practice in the United States district courts of New York, the Circuit Court for the

Second District, and the United States Supreme Court; Member of the Seventy-sixth and Seventy-seventh Congresses; died June 4, 1941.

Mrs. NORTON, a Representative from the State of New Jersey, standing in front of the Speaker's rostrum, placed a memorial rose in a vase as the name of each deceased Member was read by the Clerk.

Then followed 1 minute of devotional silence.

Dr. MONTGOMERY. Almighty God, from whom we come and unto whom our spirits return, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Thou art our refuge and strength and a very present help in trouble. Grant us Thy blessing in this hour, and enable us to put our trust in Thee, that our spirits may grow calm and our hearts be comforted. Lift our eyes beyond the shadows of earth and help us to see the light of eternity. So may we find grace and strength for this and every time of need. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hon. LUTHER A. JOHNSON, a Representative from the State of Texas, delivered the following address:

ADDRESS BY HON. LUTHER A. JOHNSON

Mr. LUTHER A. JOHNSON. Mr. Speaker, we have met today, in this annual memorial service, to pay just and loving tribute to the memory of our colleagues who have left us.

Since we last assembled in like service, nine Members of the House and four Senators have answered the final summons and responded to their last roll call.

They died in the service of their country, at their post of duty, and those of us who labored with them can best attest to their fidelity and evaluate the quality of service they gave to this Republic.

We knew them in their daily life. We saw them while they were on duty and under fire, meeting crises in passing upon great questions affecting the welfare and destiny of their country, and these are the testing times which determine the

character, the caliber, and the fiber of which men are made. Measured by every standard, they were all men of character, integrity, ability, and fidelity.

They were among our ablest and most distinguished Members. Each had his very vivid personality, his lively individuality, and each stood with a marked degree of eminence among us.

Observance of custom and limitation of time prevent my paying tribute to each. Other Members will do this in the printed Record. But in passing I cannot refrain from mentioning two of them. One of these had attained the eminent position of Speaker of the House, second only in importance to the Presidency of the United States, our beloved and late Speaker, WILLIAM B. BANKHEAD, whose brilliant mind, whose charming personality, whose rugged honesty, and whose superb eloquence earned for him during his service of nearly 24 years in the House a national reputation as an orator and a statesman of the first magnitude.

I recall that when Speaker Byrnes, his immediate predecessor, passed away Mr. Speaker BANKHEAD paid tribute to him, and in that forceful and characteristic manner of his, and with deep emotion, said:

> I cannot but feel that somehow and in some way his spiritual presence and his solicitude still abide within this Chamber.

Today in this sacred service I likewise feel that the immortal spirit of our late Speaker BANKHEAD abides with us.

The other, Senator MORRIS SHEPPARD, the dean of Congress, who served continuously in the Senate of the United States for more than 28 years, and immediately preceding served continuously as a Member of the House for more than 10 years, the length of his continuous service as a Member of Congress being 38 years 5 months and 29 days, a record unequaled by that of any other individual with two exceptions since the foundation of our Government.

A knightly warrior, eloquent and able, a loyal friend, with a kind and noble spirit and a soul pure and unsullied, who

literally gave his life in service to his constituents and his country—that was MORRIS SHEPPARD.

The lives of all these whom we honor today were doubtless shortened by the service they gave to their country. Illustrative of the high death rate in the House, during my 18 years here I have served under 7 different Speakers, and 4 of these died while holding that high office. Contrary to the popular belief, membership in Congress requires constant labor. The manifold duties here require not only unremitting toil but deep thought, often vexatious worry, and this has been true at all times, but especially so during the grave crisis through which our country has been passing during the past few years.

A few years ago a well-known writer and prominent businessman was elected to membership in the House and after serving a short time and familiarizing himself with the duties here and becoming acquainted with his colleagues, wrote an article for a current magazine entitled "What Surprised Me About Congress," in which he described his disillusionment as to the ability of Congressmen and the amount of work which they do. His conclusion was that, viewing Congress from the inside, he was surprised to find how hard they worked, how much they knew, and the conscientious manner in which they discharged their obligations.

If the American people could see Congress at close range, and follow them daily, they would reach the same conclusion as did the distinguished author of that article.

The Congress of the United States epitomizes and expresses as no other body possibly can the genuine spirit and the profound emotion of American life. To be chosen out of a population of 130,000,000 people to be the Representatives of their constituents in the national law-making body is an honor.

Critics may speak in disparagement of our national law-making body, but the history of our Government reveals that, by and large, the type of men who have served here excel in

character and ability the same number of men in any other similar group.

The membership of Congress, representing as it does divergent views and faiths, both political and religious, and coming from those of wealth and those of poverty, might be compared to a great mosaic, reflecting a true cross section of the American people.

It has always been a popular pastime to ridicule any legislative body, and Congress has often been made the subject of gibe and criticism, but not only the quality of its membership but the importance of the work which Congress performs is a complete answer to those who scoff.

If some foolish and fantastic decision should ever be made that one of the three coordinate branches of the Government should be abolished, the legislative, if a democracy is to survive, would be the last to go. Whatever else may be said about the Congress of the United States, with all of its faults and its foibles, it is the palladium of our liberty, and when Congress falls the Republic will die.

These colleagues of ours were worthy and honored members of this great institution, which constitutes the bulwark of our Government, and they measured up in the highest degree to all responsibilities devolving upon them. They knew first-hand what Congress was and what it meant not only to the present but to the future. Theirs was the responsibility to solve the perplexing problems of economic and social progress, to adjust differences between various contending groups, to pass laws to protect the weak from the strong, and to see that a code of government existed where justice and right would prevail, and where happiness and prosperity might abound.

They were all patriotic Americans, loving its institutions and willing to die, if necessary, to preserve them. They witnessed the threat to democracy, both from without and within, and, belonging to different political parties, may have at times differed as to methods, but all were inspired by the same

holy ambition—that a government of the people, for the people, and by the people should not perish from the earth; that no dictator, however powerful he may be, shall ever lay his unholy hands upon this temple of democracy, established by the wisdom, the blood, and the sacrifices of our fathers.

To those of us who survive they have tossed the torch, and ours is the duty to carry on. Let us make this sacred hour not one of memorial alone but a rededication and rebirth of patriotism. Emulating their virtues and their consecration to duty, "let us highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain"; that in this dark and threatening period which menaces our existence as a nation we shall eschew all bitterness and strife, forget racial and religious differences, adjourn partisan politics, and unite as one great people, under one flag, and with one destiny—that destiny to defend America and to preserve inviolate her institutions.

The votes which our colleagues cast and the speeches which they made are preserved in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, but their memory is enshrined forever in our hearts. We shall remember best not their official record but our association with them and the ties of lasting friendship which death cannot sever and which is one of the compensating joys of our service here.

The greatest comfort and consolation that can come to their families is not alone the splendid record which they made as faithful public servants but the heritage of a good name which they have transmitted to their children, and the love, loyalty, and generous devotion which they bestowed upon their loved ones.

Each geographical section is represented in the list of our sacred dead, New England, the North Atlantic States, the deep South, the great Southwest, the Central, the Midwest, and the far West. All have representatives who have been called by the Divine Master of men to His eternal home. Death is no respecter of sections or of persons; the rich and

the poor, the high and the low, the weak and the strong have always responded to its decree, from which there is no appeal.

But there is a comforting and solacing thought, the Christian faith, handed down to us by our fathers, and which shall abide with us forever, that death does not end all; that—

Behind the dim, unknown
Standeth God within the shadow,
Keeping watch above His own—

that there is a spiritual world to which man belongs, and of which he is a part, and the touch of death cannot separate him from this eternal life.

As I think of the departure of our friends, I am reminded of those lines written by Alfred Tennyson, on the occasion of the death of his dearest friend:

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.

But such a time as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.

The quartet sang "Crossing the Bar."

Hon. HAROLD KNUTSON, a Representative from the State of Minnesota, delivered the following address:

ADDRESS BY HON. HAROLD KNUTSON

Mr. KNUTSON. Mr. Speaker, this day has been set aside from our busy calendar to commemorate the past. It is not so much a day of sorrow as it is a day for retrospection and

reflection. Today fond memory is given leeway over the pressing affairs of this troubled world.

Years ago a famous agnostic said that life is a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. In other words, he saw life as a futile meandering through a desolate desert wilderness, surrounded on all sides by cold and bitter despair.

What a description to give to a triumphant adventure; what a mocking play on words; what a tragic lack of faith in the sublime promise of our Saviour, Teacher, and Master. To me—and I am sure to all of you—life has been a journey, full of pleasant and worth-while contacts, precious friendships, hallowed and cherished memories.

Life is a journey through green valleys where we hear the murmur of the brook as it wends its way toward the sea of eternity; where man is born, attains maturity, strives and accomplishes according to his abilities and will to attain.

In the springtime we may see the trees and plants shooting their buds, which later burst into a profusion of foliage and flowers, while overhead feathery friends entertain us from dawn to dusk with their sweet and melodious symphonies.

In the heat of midday we may sit in the restful shade beside the brook and drink of the stream of life, contemplating the goodness and the greatness of our Creator and Comforter, while before us pass in kaleidoscopic review cherished friendships of the past, and incidents that are treasured milestones in our journey through life.

In the full richness of fall, when the golden glow is on all nature, we harvest what we have sown. It is then that we garner the fruits of our labor, and reap the blessings of well-spent lives, devoted to the service of others.

The Congress of the United States is a true cross section of America and the American people, and therefore reflects to a faithful degree their views, their hopes, and their aspirations. Washington, Jefferson, and Lincoln were true exponents of those ideals, which had their beginnings in the

rich and fertile soil of a continent free from the hatreds, fears, and prejudices of the Old World.

Here meet Representatives of the people to legislate for 132,000,000 free men, women, and children. They come from every section of the land, from all stations in life, and reflect every shade of opinion. A few are wealthy, but the majority have only their pay. With us there is no class distinction, no caste system. All work elbow to elbow for the common weal, animated by the same noble ideals and lofty purposes. All have but one goal—the greatest good to the greatest number. Therein, my friends, lies the strength of the Republic; thereon is builded the endurance and grandeur which is America.

Perhaps no other calling is so rich in opportunity for real service to our great country and to the people who have their being therein. It has been well said that "Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy in this world."

The Congress of the United States has been called the greatest legislative body in all the world. My countrymen, it is more than that. In these dark and troublesome times the Congress is the anchorage of free government, a beacon light of hope to the persecuted and oppressed in other and less-favored lands.

To us, it is hard to understand how an individual, or a group, can find it in their hearts to persecute those of other creeds, races, or colors. We must accept the doctrine that God created man in His own image, hence such persecution is a rejection of the Golden Rule, a reversion to barbarism.

These are troublous days, freighted with complex and vexatious problems. At times we almost despair of the future. For a solution we turn here, there, and yon, but we will not despair for we know that in our own hands we hold the solution. The salvation of the world lies in faith, frugality, tolerance, charity, forgiveness, and creative labor.

In these cruel and trying times there is need for humane, honest, wise, and courageous leadership—leadership that is

consecrated wholeheartedly to the common weal. The call is for those who will submerge self in the cause of the many. Such are to be found wherever patriotic men and women congregate, and it is on them that the hope and the safety and the perpetuity of the Republic must and will rest.

God give us men who are not afraid to brave the scorn and contumely of passing whims, prejudices, and passions. Almighty God, forsake us not in this troublous hour when courage appears to have taken flight and reason is tottering on her throne.

Mankind has passed through many similar and worse experiences and situations in the past. To cure present-day ills and maladjustments will need time and serious thought, but a people resolved to find the remedy for them will discover and apply them, as surely as the rising of tomorrow's sun. We will not, we cannot, fail to do so.

To my colleagues may I offer this encouragement to carry on the battle to preserve republican government at home: "Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them; for the Lord, thy God, He it is that doth go with thee. He will not fail thee nor forsake thee."

What will come out of the travail and suffering that mankind is now undergoing? It is for us to decide. Shall it be economic and political slavery or continued freedom—freedom to dare, to venture, to achieve, or are we henceforth to live the lives of birds confined in cages? Rather should we not resolve to remain human eagles free to soar to loftier heights, to attain yet nobler objectives, to accomplish yet greater things? Again, the answer rests in ourselves.

The true spirit of America is epitomized in a statue erected to the memory of the Pioneer Woman situated on the old National Trail, some miles east of Washington, Pa. There she stands, self-reliant, unafraid, with a babe in arm, an older child clutching her skirt, armed with a deer rifle, peering earnestly ahead for hidden dangers that she fears for her brood but cannot see. Strong, brave, self-reliant, she typifies

the America we all revere. She it was who made possible the pacification and development of the great country we all love. She it was who transmitted to us a heritage of bravery, self-reliance, and confidence in ourselves and in our destiny, which gave to us the strength and the will to make of this the greatest nation of which there is recorded history.

Today, as never before, we miss the wise and courageous counsel of our departed friends and colleagues. Would that they were here now to advise us, to tell us what to do. We miss them sorely.

We must cleave to the will and wish to create, to build better and greater. Subversive influences that would undermine the foundations upon which the Republic rests must be eradicated and destroyed. Here, there can be room only for those who love our country, honor our institutions, and revere our traditions. Those who do not subscribe to these requirements must seek haven in other lands. Here, there can be no divided allegiance, no second choice.

Since our last memorial day four Senators and nine Representatives have been summoned to the supreme congress above. For them the turbulence of the forum has subsided. Today they have their place in a higher body where bitter partisan strife is unknown. While they are no longer with us in the flesh, their spirit is ever with us, and the memory of their labors here is an inspiration to us to carry on. Their names are writ in letters of living light on the scroll of service to their country and fellow man. "They are not dead, they are merely away."

"I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Since the very inception of Christianity the followers of the lowly Nazarene have been subjected to persecution, oppression, and ridicule. Many have suffered exile from their homeland, and even martyrdom for its sake, but faith ever carried them through, and with the passing of time their

number has increased until the cross has been carried into every corner of the earth.

To countless millions it has become a symbol of hope, a refuge in time of storm.

The Christian religion has been assailed times without number, but none have been able to offer anything substantial or tangible in its place. It has been, is, and ever will be the greatest known balm and source of comfort to mankind. It greets us at the cradle, sustains us throughout a troublous life, and its gentle and merciful ministrations enable us to face the end with hope, with courage, and with fortitude.

To the sorrowing mother who grieves over the loss of her child, to the abandoned Magdalen who walks the streets, to the man who has lost his faith, to the wayward son who roams the earth, to the cynic who scoffs and doubts—to these and to all mankind the promises of the Saviour come as a solace in their hour of darkest despair. It is then, one and all turn to Him for hope, peace, and comfort. There is, there can be no other outlet for our heart's desire. In Him rests the hope of mankind. Without that hope life would be a black void.

He has promised us eternal life, free from pain and doubt and despair. We know that He has prepared a place for His children where we shall some day gather, where broken family ties will be reunited, where cherished friendships shall be renewed. What a precious promise; what a glorious fulfillment.

Death is only a quiet door
  Set in a garden wall;
On gentle hinges it gives, at dusk
  When the thrushes call.
Along the lintel are green leaves,
  Beyond the light lies still;
Very willing and weary feet
  Go over that sill.
There is nothing to trouble any heart
  Nothing to hurt at all
Death is only a quiet door,
  In an old garden wall.

The quartet sang "The Long Day Closes."

Mr. Winfred Kemp, principal musician, United States Marine Band Orchestra, sounded taps.

The Chaplain, Rev. James Shera Montgomery, D. D., pronounced the benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace, both now and evermore.

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Remarks by Representative Beiter

Of New York

Mr. BEITER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this occasion to pay tribute to the memory of my late colleague and good friend the Honorable PIUS L. SCHWERT. His untimely death has brought sorrow to all those who knew him.

PIUS L. SCHWERT took his seat as a Member of the House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States from the Forty-second District of New York on the 3d day of January 1939. He served only a short time in these Halls, but during this period won for himself a place of distinction with his colleagues. His fidelity to his trust and to the commission with which the people of his district had entrusted him caused him to ignore the warnings of his physician to take a rest from the active and exacting work of his office. There is no doubt but that his devotion to his duty hastened his death.

Born and raised in the district which he represented in Congress, PIUS SCHWERT was but 48 years of age at the time he was stricken. He had been actively engaged in the banking business for many years, and served as county clerk in Erie County, N. Y., from 1933 until he was elected to Congress in 1938. He served in the United States Navy as a yeoman and later as an ensign during the World War.

Congressman SCHWERT sought tirelessly to promote the general good. With sympathetic spirit he tried to bring aid to those who came to him in their distress. To guide those who sought his counsel, he explored every available avenue of knowledge. For 20 years I have known him intimately, and I know he met each task of life as a brave soldier meets his duty on the battlefield.

To many of us who sat with him here on the floor of the House in daily session, "Pi" SCHWERT was a warm friend as well as a brilliant statesman. He took an interest in the problems of the unemployed and served as an active member of the unofficial committee of the House formed to study this important subject. He was concerned about the needy aged and often discussed with me the need for additional legislation to provide for this group. His heart cried out for all those who had met adversity. He learned to know his constituents and to understand their psychology. He made it his business to learn their problems and to share them.

He enjoyed the good will and the close friendship of the postal employees of the country for his untiring efforts in their behalf. As a member of the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads he was always interested in the affairs of the Post Office Department, and the postal workers throughout the State and the Nation looked to him for leadership. He never let them down.

PIUS SCHWERT will be remembered, too, by many thousands of baseball fans who knew him as a big-league ball player in the days of his youth. He loved to attend the games held here in Washington, and, although he could not often find the time, he did plan each year to appear at the ball park for the opening game. He was interested in the youth of the Nation and in outdoor activities of all kinds. His influence will continue to be felt in many circles and most of all by the youth he had befriended.

"Pi" SCHWERT is no longer with us, but his kindliness, his faith, his unfailing friendship will always be remembered. We will remember him as a plain, simple man with fine ideals and a rare courtesy. And as one who always looked upon his fellow man with tolerance and affectionate regard.

We mourn with his beloved widow and tender to her our deep sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Izac

Of California

MR. IZAC. Mr. Speaker, what a fine incentive to the youth of our land to see one of their baseball heroes doff his uniform and substitute for his career of providing recreation and entertainment for the American people a new career of service in more grim and realistic matters affecting the daily lives of every one of us. "Pi" SCHWERT left that kind of a legacy to American youth. He rose high in athletic prowess; he was destined to rise equally high in service to his fellow men through the medium of legislation for their good. Too bad he had to be stricken just at the time he attained to a place of influence and prestige in the House.

Although he served but a few short years, he had endeared himself, as perhaps no other Member has done in so short a time, to his colleagues of all political parties. I was especially fond of him because, while thrown with him constantly, I never heard him utter a derogatory word about a single human being. He was the soul of honor and a representative of his people of whom they could well be proud.

"Pi" SCHWERT was the kind of a Congressman we all hope we would be like. God rest his soul.

Remarks by Representative Butler

Of New York

Mr. BUTLER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues in a tribute to the memory of the late PIUS L. SCHWERT, Member of Congress from my own district of New York.

It was my privilege to know Mr. SCHWERT personally. It is most difficult to find words adequate to express our inward feelings on occasions such as this. The good opinion of honest men, friends of freedom, and well-wishers of mankind, wherever they may be born or happen to reside, is the only kind of reputation a wise man would ever desire. PIUS SCHWERT prized the good opinion of his fellow citizens. The citizens of the district I now have the honor to represent will cherish his memory.

Memory is the only friend
That grief can call her own.

Remarks by Representative Forand

Of Rhode Island

Mr. FORAND. Mr. Speaker, PIUS L. SCHWERT has left us. He has answered his last roll call. He has responded to the call of his Maker.

PIUS was a grand fellow, always unassuming, yet cheerful and friendly to all who met him.

Although I had known him only a few months, his enchanting personality made me feel he had been my friend for years. I consider it an honor to have made his acquaintance and I feel that to have known him has enriched my life.

It was my privilege to have been with him almost to the time his spirit left this earth, and, Mr. Speaker, I find it difficult to recover from the shock.

We shall miss PIUS. We shall miss his personality on this floor, his counsel in the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and his service to the people of his city, State, and Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in expressing to his devoted companion, his beloved wife, Mrs. Schwert, my deepest sympathy in her hour of bereavement, and to bespeak for her the great comfort she should derive from the fact that the Nation shares her sorrows, because while she has lost a good husband, this country has lost a great public servant. His mortal remains will leave us, but we shall cherish his memory, and that memory will live on.

Remarks by Representative Cullen

Of New York

Mr. CULLEN. Mr. Speaker, if the time of departing from this world had been left to man, the life of PIUS L. SCHWERT would certainly have been greatly prolonged, for his friends and associates would have been reluctant to have dispensed with an association and friendship so pleasing and enjoyable to them.

During my association with him in the House of Representatives I grew to respect and admire him for his wonderful characteristics, his qualities, his principles, his extreme kindness, and all those other attributes which typify a great man.

In this solemn hour devoted to a contemplation of his character and accomplishments, it will be comforting to those who loved him in his life to recall that though his distinguished career is closed, he has left behind him the heritage of a great name, respected and honored throughout his city, his State, and the Nation.

Remarks by Representative Tenerowicz

Of Michigan

In the long vista of years to roll
With me his memory nor his honor fade;
And though other land retain his soul,
He lives also here
In the results of his deeds and friendships made.

Mr. TENEROWICZ. Mr. Speaker, I have heard and read many of the glowing tributes which have been paid to the memory of the late Representative PIUS LOUIS SCHWERT, from New York, and I feel with them that any attempt to express our deep feelings over his untimely passing seems inadequate.

I feel a deep sense of personal loss at the passing of my friend. He was affable, lovable, a student of human nature endowed with a God-given understanding of the problems of the underprivileged. He was an able and astute student of political economy, and he represented his people well. His ambition at all times was to better living conditions for his people.

PIUS SCHWERT was elected as United States Representative to the Seventy-sixth Congress and reelected to the Seventy-seventh Congress. I learned to admire his fine qualities from an intimate and practically daily contact with him and knew him to be an outspoken and courageous representative of his people.

Mr. SCHWERT was a partisan because the history of his country convinced him both theories were American, but he chose the Democratic theory. He served his country during the World War as an officer of the United States Navy. One of his chief interests was for the veterans of the World War, and because of his keen sense of understanding, justice,

and genuine ability he was appointed by President Roosevelt to serve on the President's Special Review Board for Veterans' Compensation Cases.

He had a deep affection for youth and worked unceasingly to develop their athletic leanings. Early in youth and later he played professional baseball. During the years of 1914, 1915, 1916, and again in 1921 he played with Jersey City, Newark, Buffalo, and with the New York Yankees.

PIUS SCHWERT had the happy faculty of making enduring friendships wherever he went. The Nation has lost a great servant and statesman and the Congress has lost a diligent student of political economy, so sorely needed at the present critical moment in our history. His constituents have lost a truly worthy Representative and his family have lost their inspiration. In his passing I have lost a friend.

Remarks by Representative Cartwright

Of Oklahoma

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, as a colleague of the late PIUS L. SCHWERT, of New York's Forty-second Congressional District, I was profoundly shocked by his untimely death on March 11.

During the time he served in the House I came to regard "PI" as my personal friend. He was affable, generous, and considerate. In hundreds of little ways he found opportunities to pay daily kindnesses to those of us who worked with him. He had the cheery greeting and the ready smile that go so far to lighten the burdens we share, particularly in these strenuous days.

PIUS SCHWERT was another victim of overwork in this House. He worked with great seriousness and with unflagging devotation to his district and to his country. Elected to the House in 1938 to hold the seat vacated by the Honorable James M. Mead, who became at the same time the junior Senator from New York, he inherited many active tasks. He proved an eminently worthy successor to Jim Mead. He overtaxed himself, however, and over a year ago felt the first warnings of physical fatigue. An outstanding athlete all his life and still a young man in his forties, he heeded the warning that his heart needed a rest. He took scrupulous care of himself for many months and returned to his desk in what he felt was perfect health. But the ordeal of last autumn's election campaign plus the heavy legislative duties since January sapped that precious reserve of vitality which he had so carefully built up with months of conscientious self-discipline.

The exemplary public career of PIUS SCHWERT was cut short with a swiftness that was tragic to us all. Many of us talked with him on his last day of service in this body. His last official act was to cast his vote for the lend-lease bill. He appeared in jovial spirits and gave no hint that he was in anything but the best of health. A few hours later, after delivering a brief and witty talk to a party of friends, he collapsed. A few moments later he died in the arms of his best political and personal friend, Senator Mead.

Although my district in Oklahoma is far from the Forty-second District of New York, I have been told many times of the countless friends who were loyal to PIUS SCHWERT. An indication of this may be learned from the fact that upon his second bid for membership in this body his constituents returned him to Congress by a vote that was approximately three times that of his first election. He won friends easily, and he kept them permanently by reason of his tolerance and fairness and industry.

PIUS SCHWERT lived a full life of accomplishment. An officer in the Navy, a big-league baseball player, a storekeeper, a banker, a Member of Congress, and, above all, a devoted husband and friend, he achieved much in his 48 youthful years of life.

I pay tribute to the memory of my popular and beloved colleague. I extend my depest sympathy to Mrs. Schwert and to the legion of friends who mourn their loss in his passing. The House has lost an able Member. The Nation has lost a public servant of the finest quality.

Remarks by Representative Sabath

Of Illinois

Give sorrow words; the grief that does not speak.
Whisper the o'erfraught heart, and bids it break.

Mr. SABATH. Mr. Speaker, the subject of our encomiums, who was born November 22, 1891, and passed away March 11, 1941, was an especially promising legislator, after receiving a good, practical education in commerce, which was followed by successful experience in banking, merchandising, and as clerk of Erie County, N. Y. During his quest for business success in early life our friend was not too busy to answer the call of his country in an emergency, but he served as a commissioned officer in the United States Navy.

Mr. SCHWERT's popularity in his important county was so widespread that he was called to serve on the President's special review for veterans' compensation cases.

The qualifications of our honorable deceased were here instantly appraised and rewarded by election to a major committee—the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads—immediately after he was seated as the successor of Senator James M. Mead.

Our friend's ambition for success of his service here was high. With strong caution and conservatism in his nature he was in no danger of attempting rash experiments or resorting to the empiricism of statesmanship. But he believed that renewed and closer attention should be given to questions affecting the material interests and commercial prospects of 132,000,000 people. He believed that an essential forerunner to a new era of national progress must be a feeling of contentment in every section of the Union and a

generous belief that the benefits and burdens of government should be common to all.

Least of all men did he harbor revenge, rarely did he ever show resentment, and malice was not in his nature. He was congenially employed only in the exchange of good offices and the doing of kindly deeds.

In the transitory struggles of life he had an abiding pride of consistency, but he was always liberal and tolerant. After reaching a conclusion, based upon full knowledge and mature consideration, in connection with his legislative duties, he was always content in his mind, justified in his conscience, and immovable in his determination.

After a too short service here, extending from January 3, 1939, to the date of his passing, our friend left behind a proud, expectant constituency, a great host of sustaining friends, and a proud and unsullied name.

Every acquaintance of this honorable deceased loved him. His kindly nature and lovable traits of character and his amiable consideration for all about him will long endure in the minds and hearts of his constituents and colleagues.

Remarks by Representative Voorhis

Of California

Mr. VOORHIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I consider it an honor to insert with my remarks the following resolution of the California Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, honoring our late colleague, PIUS L. SCHWERT:

Whereas Congressman PIUS L. SCHWERT, having worked untiringly and unceasingly in support of H. R. 1074, which bears his name; and

Whereas his unfortunate and untimely death on March 12, 1941, having deprived us of a stanch supporter and friend: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the California Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, meeting in session at Fresno, Calif., from April 3 to 6, 1941, at its eleventh annual conference, record deep appreciation for his services in behalf of health, physical education, and recreation, and convey to his family this expression of appreciation as well as sympathy in its hour of sorrow.

Remarks by Representative Dickstein

Of New York

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Mr. Speaker, Congressman PIUS LOUIS SCHWERT did not serve in this body long, and as a result there are not many of you who had occasion to come into contact with him and learn to admire his personality as I did.

Representing the city of Buffalo, having previously served as the county clerk of Erie County, he came to us with very little experience in national politics, and like all new Members of Congress, was obliged to lean on his older colleagues "to learn the ropes." I take great pride in the fact that I was able to guide him during the few years that he graced Congress with his presence.

Congressman SCHWERT is no more. His genial smile and pleasant personality has been forever removed from this Hall, and he has gone to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler ever returns. He will be remembered, however, and I am sure that the people of the city of Buffalo and the State of New York will always miss his unselfish services and the charm of his personality.

Remarks by Representative Sutphin

Of New Jersey

Mr. SUTPHIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay my respects to my late colleague, the gentleman from New York, PIUS L. SCHWERT. There is no one who knew him who will not feel a deep sense of personal loss in his passing. His philosophy of life was service to others. In everything that he did he was actuated by a spirit to serve his country and his constituency.

One of the most earnest Members of this body, Mr. SCHWERT was one who gave leadership to this Nation in these difficult times. He held before the young people of America the highest ideals of manhood and of clean sportsmanship.

We all can testify to his genial disposition, his fine character, his willingness to serve, and his worth to the Nation at large. As one who came up through the ranks, PI SCHWERT retained his sympathetic understanding of his fellow man. He was particularly interested in the disabled veterans of our wars, in the problems of the youth who need a hand up to get started on the ladder of life, and generally in the underprivileged.

Such men are few enough and never can be spared. Let the life of willing service that was PI SCHWERT be ours to emulate. His passing places on each of us an added duty to the underprivileged in all walks of life.

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WEDNESDAY, *March 12, 1941.*

The Chaplain, Rev. James Shera Montgomery, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors and the King of Glory shall come in.

Our blessed Heavenly Father, help us to lift up our heads and open the doors of our hearts that the King of Glory may come in whose life is love; may He give us the tenderness to be true, the courage to be candid, and the strength to be brave. We thank Thee for that deep, abiding faith which holds us close to Thee amid the vicissitudes of life; that gives us light and not a cloud, beholding not the sackcloth but its gold. Ever keep a song in our breasts. However weak the hand, let the heart be strong; however dim the sky, let us see the morning, realizing how divine is the gift of that hope which never dies.

Blessed Lord God, the night cometh when no man can work. Once more our hearts are touched with sorrow by the death of a faithful and loyal Member of the Congress. Be near to those who were very near to him. Not as the world gives, give Thy peace unto them. Bless us all with that rest which makes the yoke easy and the burden light. In our dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

Mr. BEITER. Mr. Speaker, it is my sad duty to announce the death last night of my close friend and colleague, Hon. PIUS L. SCHWERT. I do so with sorrow in my heart. I feel his death so keenly that it is difficult to talk about it. There is no one who knew PIUS SCHWERT who will not feel a deep sense of personal loss. Those of us who were with him on the floor of the House yesterday thought he was in the full

vigor of health and would never have dreamed that in so short a time he would pass to his reward. He was a personal friend and I esteemed him very highly. His philosophy of life was to serve. He liked to be able to do things for people. I know that he was actuated in everything he did by a spirit to serve his country. He will be greatly missed.

Mr. VOORHIS of California. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BEITER. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. VOORHIS of California. Mr. Speaker, it happens that in the last few weeks, particularly, it has been my privilege to do a good deal of work with our late colleague from New York, Mr. SCHWERT. I found him one of the most earnest Members of this body, one of the people who, I feel, would have given leadership to this Nation in these difficult times through which we have to pass, because I think he saw the essential importance of pressing forward for human rights. I am going to miss him terribly. He came to this House as the successor to one of the people that I think was as widely beloved as anyone who was ever here, the present Senator from New York, Mr. Mead, and he filled that post with honor and credit.

I would like to join with the colleague of Mr. SCHWERT from New York, our good friend, Mr. Beiter, in expressing my profound sorrow at the passing of a man that I feel was not only a good friend and a true American, but an invaluable Member of this body.

Mr. BEITER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. Andrews].

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I have been shocked at the death of PIUS SCHWERT. While many of us knew of the very serious illness, he suffered during the greater part of last year, yet I believe we had all been impressed recently by his recovery and apparent return to health, so that his sud-

den passing last night comes as a great and unexpected blow. He was a loyal friend, a true sportsman, and a fine character. The city of Buffalo, the State of New York, and the House of Representatives are deprived of the services of a most valuable public servant.

Mr. BEITER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from West Virginia [Mr. Randolph].

Mr. RANDOLPH. Mr. Speaker, I join with my other colleagues of the House in a genuine expression of sorrow at the passing of PIUS SCHWERT. During his first term he was a member of the Committee on the District of Columbia, and I found him a man of unfailing fairness and complete tolerance. It was my privilege to know his splendid qualities and to admire his good character. Such a friend and such a Member of this body will be greatly missed.

Mr. BEITER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. Reed].

Mr. REED of New York. Mr. Speaker, the death of the Honorable PIUS SCHWERT came as a personal shock to me, and I know to many of my constituents who had the pleasure of knowing him. This Nation can ill afford to lose a man of his character. It can ill afford to lose his services, and it can ill afford to lose a man in public life who held before the young people of America the highest ideals of manhood, of clean sportsmanship. I regret his passing.

Mr. BEITER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Eberharter].

Mr. EBERHARTER. Mr. Speaker, only yesterday in company with another Member of the House I had lunch with our late departed colleague. In conversation the gentleman from New York, Mr. SCHWERT, told us that he was genuinely happy at his complete recovery, as he thought. He told of the meticulous care which he had been taking of his health

and of his regular visits to his physician. As I said, he seemed completely recovered and genuinely happy over his condition; so that when I heard of his death late last night it came as a distinct shock. I felt particularly distressed. Not only his wife but his thousands of friends, all of whom would testify to his sunny and genial disposition, his fine character, his willingness to serve loyally, and to his worth to the Nation at large, will feel a genuine and true sorrow at his untimely passing, when he seemingly had many more useful years of life ahead of him. His death is a great shock and a deep loss to the country. We will miss him.

Mr. BEITER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. Martin J. Kennedy].

Mr. MARTIN J. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I know that the entire membership of the House is deeply shocked at the sudden death of our friend and colleague the gentleman from New York, PIUS SCHWERT. The members of the New York delegation are especially sad, because PIUS occupied a warm spot in our hearts.

Only yesterday he was present in this Chamber performing his duties as the Representative of the Forty-second Congressional District, which is located in Erie County.

A comparatively young man, not yet 49 years of age, the gentleman from New York, Mr. SCHWERT, had rendered many years of loyal public service. The University of Pennsylvania, after completing his course at the Wharton School of Commerce, awarded him the degree of bachelor of science and economics. After leaving college he played professional baseball and later entered business in his home city, Buffalo. Because of his interest in veterans and the problems of the ex-soldiers, he served on the President's Special Review Board for Veterans' Compensation Cases. He was honored in his home community by being elected and reelected county clerk, and as a result of the election on November 8, 1938, he joined us here in the House.

Throughout a busy and active life he always found time for work in the veterans' organizations. His own service started in the United States Navy as a yeoman.

Personally, I shall greatly miss him because of our almost daily contact. We were mutually interested in the problem of the St. Lawrence waterway, and by reason of that I came to appreciate his character and industry.

In his passing, the Nation has lost a courageous public servant and his wife a devoted husband.

The members of his family and people of his district have our sympathy.

Mr. BEITER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. Rankin].

PIUS SCHWERT, THE BRIDGE BUILDER

Mr. RANKIN of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, as the milestones along the highway of life become the monuments to departed friends, those of us who linger on "this bank and shoal of time" find words inadequate to express our inward feelings on occasions such as this.

The news of the death of PIUS SCHWERT came as a staggering shock to us all. He was a student, an athlete, and a worthy man.

He was a former member of the Committee on World War Veterans, of which I am the chairman, and I know that if every veteran in America knew of his death today and of his services in their cause, he would be mourned in every nook and corner of this great Republic.

He was profoundly interested in the youth of the land, the coming generation, the ones who are to take our places on the stage of life. I can probably express much better his devotion to their cause in the words of another, who once said:

> An old man, going a lone highway,
> Came, at the evening, cold and gray,
> To a chasm; vast, and deep, and wide,

Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim;
The sullen stream had no fears for him;
But he turned, when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.
"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim, near,
"You are wasting strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day;
You never again must pass this way;
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide—
Why build you the bridge at the eventide?"
The builder lifted his old gray head:
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth, whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm, that has been naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

PIUS SCHWERT was building bridges for the footsteps of coming generations.

Mr. BEITER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. Sweeney].

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise at this time to publicly express my sympathy to the House and to the family of PIUS SCHWERT, who passed away at my side last evening. It comes as a shock to all of us. Our colleagues, Mr. Beiter, Mr. Haines, Mr. Forand, and Senator James Mead were with him at the speakers' table. I was to follow him to make a speech when he had concluded speaking. He collapsed. We sought to revive him to no avail.

He was a splendid gentleman. I knew him before he came to Congress. He was an able successor to the junior Senator from New York, the Honorable James Mead, who was chairman of the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, and served with dignity in this House for many years before his elevation to the Senate.

PIUS LOUIS SCHWERT

A fine American has passed away. The only thought we have at this time is the warning it should serve to all of us who are active in this great legislative body, the strain of which no man can tell. The public at large and our own constituents do not appreciate the strain that we are under daily, from the President down, in carrying out the Nation's business. It serves as a warning for all of us to slow up, because in the midst of life there is always death. Our friend gave his life to his Government. His death was hastened because of the tremendous demands of the hour which all of us know only too well exist. May our believed colleague rest in peace.

Mr. BEITER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Washington [Mr. Leavy].

Mr. LEAVY. Mr. Speaker, in the short time I have been a Member of this House I have experienced the shock we now experience repeatedly, but I have observed that while we become callous to many things we can never become callous to the sudden parting of our friends, such as this parting that we now mourn in the passing of PIUS SCHWERT.

I learned to know and love PIUS SCHWERT. It was my good fortune to visit in his home a year ago last summer when Mrs. Leavy and I were returning to the West. I enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Schwert and "PI" in their modest but comfortable little home on the shores of Lake Erie. We spent 2 days with him. He and his good wife drove us all over the region where he was born, where he spent his boyhood days and grew to manhood. With a pardonable pride and that quiet, retiring modesty of his, he pointed out the sandlots where he had played baseball before he became famous in that great sport as a catcher on the New York Yankees. He also pointed out some of the beautiful residences on the shores of the lake, where wealthy and distinguished

people had their homes, and where he, as a delivery boy for the local grocery store, made deliveries.

"Pi" SCHWERT was truly one who fought his way up from the ranks and climbed the ladder of success, and in that upward climb he never lost the simple touch nor the deep and sympathetic feeling that marks great men.

He was only 48 years old. His years were too few, but they were busy, serviceable years, and in them he did more than many do who live the allotted threescore and ten.

I had an opportunity to see first-hand what those people with whom he worked and whom he represented there thought of him. He stood as high as any man could ever wish to stand in the community where he had lived his life.

Just yesterday I sat by his side in the House before he cast his vote upon H. R. 1776. He said to me, "I supported this measure when it was first here. I am voting for it again today. I do it with the feeling that I am doing the right thing for my country. I have received thousands of letters for and against it, and I have received some that were extremely critical and have denounced me in language beyond which I thought anyone should ever be denounced; but I have responded to all of them in a kindly spirit and I have gotten back unexpectedly quite a number of answers in the same spirit."

To me that characterized "Pi" SCHWERT as much as anything could. No Member of this House who knew him either intimately or otherwise ever knew him to say an unkind word about a colleague or to ever engage in denunciation anywhere. He lived an exemplary life, always constructive and helpful. When the Keeper of the Book of Life turns to his page his name will be outstanding.

His wife has lost a devoted husband. His constituency has lost a splendid spokesman in this House. The State of New York has lost a great Congressman and America has lost a great and good man in these critical times. We join with his family and numerous friends in saying:

Goodbye, good friend;
In God's good time,
In God's good clime,
We'll meet again.

And in that land
Where we shall know
No pain or woe,
We'll understand.

Mr. BEITER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. O'Toole].

Mr. O'TOOLE. Mr. Speaker, PIUS SCHWERT was a boyhood idol of mine. When I was a little lad, first interested in baseball, he was playing with the old New York Yankees. Like all boys in big cities, I had one man on the team for whom I had a genuine admiration. Never at that time did I think I would serve in the National Legislature and that he would be a colleague of mine. In those days the sports writers of New York oft admired PIUS for his humility and for his simplicity. After, all, I do think that simplicity is one of the signs of greatness in any man.

We who served here in Congress with him know how humble and simple he was and yet how conscientious, how well he served his people; and, indeed, as the gentleman from Washington said, the delegation from New York has suffered a loss as well as the State and the Nation. All we can say is, may his soul and the souls of all the departed in the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Mr. BEITER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Haines].

Mr. HAINES. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in expressing my regret and deep sympathy to the family of Mr. SCHWERT.

I wish I could find words adequate to express my feeling at this moment, but I cannot. I was not intimately acquainted with Mr. SCHWERT, but only last night, when I joined

him at this dinner, he spoke to me of his intimate acquaintance with my own son who was also interested in athletics. I shall always remember the sentiment he expressed last night, a noble sentiment, a sentiment that must have characterized his living; and I trust and pray that his family and this House will profit by association with him.

Mr. BEITER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. Ramspeck].

Mr. RAMSPECK. Mr. Speaker, it was my privilege to be with our departed friend last evening a few moments before he passed away, although I was not present at the time of his death, having gone to another engagement.

I first met our colleague in Buffalo, his home city, several years ago, and there formed an attachment for him. That first acquaintance has developed into a real friendship, and I join with my colleagues here in paying tribute to this fine man, fine friend, and loyal servant of the people he represented. It is with a feeling of great loss that I find today he has left us and gone to his reward.

He had a fine wife who was present last evening at the party. They seemed to be so happy and in good spirits that it was a terrible shock to me to learn this morning on picking up the newspaper that he had passed away.

I express my deepest sympathy to his wife and his friends in Buffalo.

Mr. BEITER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. Patrick].

Mr. PATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I have not received such a shock since becoming a Member of this House as that sustained when I learned of PIUS SCHWERT'S death. He was so fine. It hurts to see such a man go. I knew him by reputation before he came here, but since am one of the many who has had the pleasure of a close, intimate association with him. Only yesterday we had quite a conversation.

He will be missed very much because of his qualities, qualities that we need, with his humility and gentleness, no desire to exploit or parade any learning or information on a subject with which he might be familiar, no desire to do anything but express that which needed to be expressed in the clearest, simplest way, without thought of what anyone might think, moved by nothing except sincere conviction. Never have I known a man who reflected more of that simplicity which reveals the kind of manhood we need and must have in the United States of America.

When I heard of his passing I somehow sustained a shock that I have not been able to overcome yet. We have frequently heard Shakespeare quoted, especially his reference to:

> The evil that men do lives after them,
> The good is oft interred with their bones.

That is not true, cannot be, with PIUS SCHWERT and his kind in this body.

Mr. BEITER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Washington [Mr. Coffee].

Mr. COFFEE of Washington. Mr. Speaker, service in the House of Representatives is not conducive to longevity. I believe that four of our colleagues in this body have been taken to their eternal abode by the omnipotent hand of the Almighty.

"PI" SCHWERT was one of the most beloved and respected Members of this body. He was regarded with warm affection by both Republicans and Democrats. He was a man who had lived a life of profound usefulness to the people of the great Empire State and in his passing the State of New York has sustained a well-nigh irreparable loss.

"PI" SCHWERT was an active Member of the liberal group of the House of Representatives, and his presence in that group will hereafter be sadly missed. William Jennings Bryan once said that death is but the narrow starlit strip

between the memories of yesterday and the hopes of tomorrow. Let us console ourselves today by so viewing the decease of "Pi."

"Pi" SCHWERT was a member of that club consisting of the Members of the House of Representatives where most of us forget rancor over issues when it comes to personal considerations. When one of us goes, whether he be a Republican or Democrat, most of us suffer a severe wrenching of the heart. On the floor we may have had heated arguments, sometimes marked by acerbity, politically or otherwise, between each other, but off the floor we cherish the warmest feelings of affection for each other.

I always hate to see a Member of the House of Representatives called to his final home, but with "Pi" SCHWERT, a warm and splendid friend, I feel a shocking pain of poignant loss and sorrow.

I remind those of you who belong to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks that one of the finest features identified with that great fraternity is its slogan connected with the symbol of 11 o'clock. It is particularly applicable to "Pi" SCHWERT:

> The faults of our brothers we write upon the sands,
> Their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.

In conclusion may I say, and I am sure I express the sentiments of all who sit on the floor today and all those Members who are not here, that we will enshrine the virtues of "Pi" SCHWERT in our hearts and in our minds henceforth, with keenest appreciation of his worthiness. We will not forget that he was one of the finest and one of the best. We say farewell to "Pi," a man among men.

Mr. BEITER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. McCormack], our majority leader.

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, it is very difficult upon an occasion of this kind to properly express the feelings of

sorrow and regrets that we possess upon the passing of one of our colleagues, particularly one who has profoundly impressed himself upon our minds. I agree with the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. Rankin] that it is difficult to express one's feelings. The best evidence of the very high regard for PIUS SCHWERT, which I know will bring consolation to Mrs. Schwert, is this spontaneous expression from Members from different parts of the country, not from one section or from one party, but from Members representing every section of the country, of the high regard and the strong esteem that they entertained for our late colleague. Well has he earned it. If I remember correctly a poet once said, "Each man has many faces," but in the case of our late colleague he had but "one face," the face of sincerity, the face of honesty, the face of devotion to duty and, as our distinguished colleague from New York [Mr. Byrne] so well said, of always trying to help persons less fortunate than himself.

I think on an occasion of this kind we might profit by the constructive remarks made by the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. Sweeney] with reference to the tremendous pressure that all Members are under. I think our friends who make demands on Members of Congress might well realize that every Member of the House and Senate, particularly in these trying days, is laboring under a great pressure. Our friends who unconsciously impose burdens upon us do not realize that they result in a strain that might precipitate a condition which may be fatal. The lesson that we might learn is to be able to frankly tell our friends when they ask us to do something that constitutes a strain and exertion, and an overdoing of ourselves that they should have a regard for us by not asking us to do something that will overtax and thereby harm. As I have said, I believe we may well pay attention to the constructive remarks of the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. Sweeney], and our friends might well pay attention to them.

I know I speak the sentiments of all the Members of the House when I express our profound sympathy to the widow of our late colleague in her great sorrow and loss.

Mr. BEITER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution and ask its adoption.

The Clerk read (H. Res. 141) as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. PIUS L. SCHWERT, a Representative from the State of New York.

Resolved, That a committee of four Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provision of these resolutions, and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee Messrs Romjue, Byrne, Beiter, and Andrews.

The Clerk will report the further resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 45 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, March 13, 1941, at 12 o'clock noon.

PIUS LOUIS SCHWERT

FRIDAY, *March 14, 1941.*

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Baldridge, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed the following resolution:

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
March 13, 1941.

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. PIUS L. SCHWERT, late a Representative from the State of New York.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative the Senate do now adjourn until Monday next.

The message also announced that, pursuant to the provisions of the above resolution, the Presiding Officer had named Mr. Wagner and Mr. Mead as members of the committee on the part of the Senate.

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THURSDAY, *March 13, 1941.*

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Chaffee, one of its reading clerks, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. PIUS L. SCHWERT, late a Representative from the State of New York, and transmitted the resolutions of the House thereon.

The message informed the Senate that, pursuant to the provisions of the foregoing resolutions, the Speaker had appointed Mr. Romjue, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Beiter, and Mr. Andrews members of the committee, to join with such members of the Senate as may be appointed, to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair lays before the Senate a resolution coming over from the House of Representatives, which will be read.

The Chief Clerk read as follows:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
UNITED STATES,
March 12, 1941.

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. PIUS L. SCHWERT, a Representative from the State of New York.

Resolved, That a committee of four Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provision of these resolutions, and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. BARKLEY. Mr. President, on behalf of the junior Senator from New York [Mr. Mead], I send forward a resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

There being no objection, the resolution (S. Res. 88) was considered and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. PIUS L. SCHWERT, late a Representative from the State of New York.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the second resolving clause, the Chair appoints as the committee on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral of the late Representative the Senators from New York [Mr. Wagner and Mr. Mead].

Mr. BARKLEY. As a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Member of the House of Representatives, I move that the Senate adjourn until 12 o'clock noon on Monday next.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 2 o'clock and 5 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned until Monday, March 17, 1941, at 12 o'clock meridian.

THURSDAY, *June 19, 1941.*

Mr. MEAD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the Appendix of the Record a statement made by me on the life and services of the late Representative PIUS

L. SCHWERT. I should like to have this statement called to the attention of the House Committee on Memorials and the Joint Committee on Printing.

There being no objection, the statement was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

The tragic weight of a profound personal sorrow makes it impossible for me to speak appropriately of the late PIUS L. SCHWERT. He was my neighbor, my ally, my colleague, and my true friend. I became associated with him many years ago, and that association developed into a bond of comradeship which can never be completely broken so long as I live.

We played baseball together, we attended social affairs together, we dealt with civic problems together, we conducted political campaigns together, we dwelt together. Those kinds of ties make parting almost unendurable.

PIUS L. SCHWERT succeeded me as Representative in Congress from the Forty-second District of the State of New York. Last November he was reelected to that post of honor and responsibility. Prior to his service as a Member of Congress he made an outstanding record in the important elective office of county clerk of the county of Erie. PI SCHWERT made friends wherever he went, among all classes, races, creeds, and political parties. He despised bigotry, indolence, and selfish partisanship. He possessed a rare and enviable philosophy which enabled him to see only good in his fellow man and which constantly compelled him to greater and greater public service.

PI, sterling athlete as he was, knew the rule of fair play, and the thousands who knew and loved him attest to the fact that he never deviated from that cardinal rule which motivated his every word and action.

He served his country in the naval service, he served his community in numerous responsible official and unofficial capacities, and he served in this Congress with everlasting credit to his name and to his memory.

I cannot recount his tragic death. It came with a suddenness that was merciful to him but unspeakably shocking to his scores of friends who were with him at the time.

But I only know that I have lost one of the most genuine friends that any man could ever have. His devotion to family and to friends, his allegiance to duty, his belief in truth and justice, marked

him not only as an exemplary citizen but as a man wealthy in spiritual qualities.

It is with a profound sense of futility that I endeavor to pay tribute to his memory. I can only join thousands of others, who held for him the highest esteem and regard, in calling him a true American, a great man, and one whose loss it is difficult for his friends, his community, and his Nation to sustain.

Our sympathies go forth to his kindly, genteel, and courageous widow, and to those others who were close and dear to him through family bonds. His was a noble character, a lovable disposition, a just and conscientious mind. He worked too hard, he assumed too many responsibilities, he overtaxed his great reservoir of physical energy. He was youthful in spirit and in years, but the burdens he carried were too heavy. He gave his life for his country and in the service of his friends. No greater tribute can be paid to any man. He served his God and his Republic faithfully. No greater loyalty has any man.

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